

Fifth Grade Lesson Plan on Organization

**Welcome – Intro – Who the Counselor is –
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– Review of Spring Meetings

First we met you as 4th graders – each school visited here and we visited you with a group of students called The Sunshine Club; many of you shared your hopes and dreams – what you hoped to accomplish here at MMS

– How can you be successful at MMS:

- Recognize that this is a new beginning with new opportunities**
- Attend school regularly and be on time**
- Have a can-do attitude**
- Get engaged in classroom activities**
- Find an after-school activity to join**

– I have been thinking about how you can be successful here at MMS ... being successful means being prepared, having what you need and being able to locate it.

“The Cycle of Success” starts with the backpack ... the backpack links home and school.

When you leave today, you leave with a full backpack --- what do you do with this backpack when you get home?

We suggest that you:

- Have a designated place to put your backpack**
- Make sure you empty your backpack when you get home**
- Take out the lunchbox and empty it**
- Take out your trapper and empty it**
- Before you go to bed, you will place your trapper back in and the next day place your lunchbox in there as well.**



- Organization of Locker – Your home away from home is your locker. When you arrive at school:

- **Go to your locker, open it and hang your coat/jacket on the hook.**
- **Take your lunch out of your backpack**
- **Take out your trapper**
- **Make sure your locker is neat and clean.**
- **You can decorate your locker with magnets or a small locker shelf.**

– Now let's talk about the Trapper, your portable desk:

6 Items should be in the Trapper and best if they are in this order:

- 1. Pencil pouch with erasers and sharpened pencils**
- 2. Schedule in a clear page protector – opens at top – you have this with you always so no need to memorize this**
- 3. Plan book – use this to record your homework, due dates and any other commitments such as after school activities**
- 4. 3 Folders Homework, World Language/Related Arts, Storage**
- 5. Plain-lined paper/scrap paper**
- 6. Independent Reading Book**

SUMMARY - We have talked about the CYLCE OF SUCCESS – this means that there is a constant flow of information/materials going back and forth from home to school

- 1. The BACK PACK – carries the trapper, lunchbox and other personal items**
- 2. The LOCKER – stores your belongings and gives you a HOMEBase at School**
- 3. And your Trapper – is your desk which is a place for you to store your WORK!**

Game if time allows

Who's Who at MMS – knowing your resources, your GO-TO folks in specific situations!